

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 2, 4-6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16-18, 20-22, 24-26, 29, 30 and 33 are amended for clarification purposes only and not to distinguish over the prior art. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-3 and 7 are allowed, and that claims 4-6 and 8-33 would be allowable if the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is overcome.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Ben during the March 8, 2005 personal interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks. Specifically, the Examiner agreed during the personal interview that the amendments to claims 2, 4-6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16-18, 20-22, 24-26, 29, 30 and 33 overcome the claim objections and rejections.

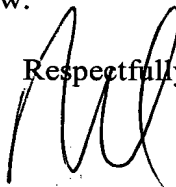
The Office Action objects to claims 2, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20-22, 24, 29 and 33 because of informalities. Claims 2, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20-22, 24, 29 and 33 are amended to correct the informalities. Thus, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 4-6 and 8-33 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 4-6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16-18, 20-22, 24-26, 29, 30 and 33 are amended to obviate the rejection. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested. Because the rejection is overcome for the reasons discussed above, claims 1-33 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-33 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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